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REMARKS

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

A copy of the International Search Report (mailed May 2, 2000) and the International Preliminary Examination Report (completed September 8, 2000) for PCT/JP00/01141, a counterpart international application, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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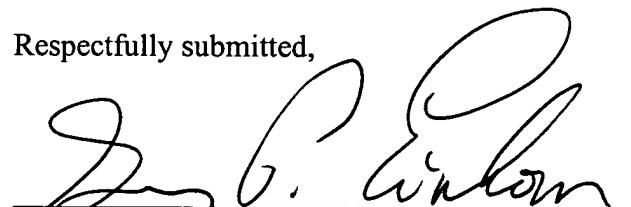
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (858) 678-5070.

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